Document EN-1. This document is a two page letter dated 10/21/71, addressed to Mr. Gene F. McHale, Special Investigations Division, U.S. Postal Service, from B.T. Loftus, Food and Drug Administration. This letter provides detailed information regarding a specific individual with respect to that person's experiences with Scientology.

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The Church of Scientology of Calif
Los Angeles, California

October 21, 1971

Mr. Gene F. McHale
Special Investigations Division
U. S. Postal Service
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Mr. McHale:

This confirms our telephone conversation of October 18, 1971, concerning a letter we received from [redacted] concerning [redacted]

[redacted] has advised us that he never believed that Scientology is or was a religion. [redacted] To him, Scientology is a secular thing, a science; and whereas he has eschewed its religious overtones he still practices it as an "auditor". He uses the E-Meter, and he cures people; and he believes auditing cures people.

I interviewed [redacted] when we were preparing for the retrial of the E-Meter seizure action in the District of Columbia. [redacted] and other former greats of Scientology had indicated their willingness to testify for the Government. For a number of reasons, it was decided that the Government did not need these people as witnesses. While I was in [redacted] on that trip, three former important Scientologist told me their lives had been threathened and that in one way or another they had been placed in jeopardy by the Church of Scientology. (We have previously given details on this to Mr. Hank Marsh of your office.) [redacted]

A few weeks ago, I received a telephone call from [redacted] who now resides at [redacted] We sent you a copy of my memo of that conversation.

For your information, [redacted]

Every time he has spoken to me he has mentioned that the Scientology people have [redacted] and he has averred that they do this in an attempt to destroy his reputation. [redacted]

We are now in receipt of [redacted] letter. As you can see, [redacted] All or none of these allegations may or may not be so, but they would be of little or no interest to FDA whether true or not. We do believe that [redacted] letter tends to confirm [redacted] statements that the Scientology people are "out to get him". [redacted]

[redacted] We do not know whether [redacted] letter violates any postal statutes, but we are referring it to you for whatever value it may have to your.

Sincerely yours,

cc: LOS-DO

B. T. Loftus
Acting Deputy Director
Office of Compliance
Bureau of Drugs

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The Church of Scientology of Calif
Los Angeles, California

October 21, 1971

Mr. Gene F. McHale
Special Investigations Division
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Dear Mr. McHale:

This confirms our telephone conversation of October 18, 1971, concerning a letter we received from Reverend Terry Milner, of the Church of Scientology of California, Los Angeles, California, concerning Mr. John McMaster.

Mr. McMaster was the first "clear" in Scientology. His "state of clear" was announced by the Scientologists with much publicity, and he has toured much of the world as a public relations man for Scientology. He broke with Scientology and its founder, L. Ron Hubbard, in 1969.

Mr. McMaster has advised us that he never believed that Scientology is or was a religion. He said he had on occasion appeared on television programs and at public gatherings wearing a black suit and a Roman collar because Mr. Hubbard asked him to. To him, Scientology is a secular thing, a science; and whereas he has eschewed its religious overtones he still practices it as an "auditor". He uses the E-Meter, and he cures people; and he believes auditing cures people.

I interviewed Mr. McMaster in Los Angeles in December 1970, when we were preparing for the retrial of the E-Meter seizure action in the District of Columbia. Mr. McMaster and other former greats of Scientology had indicated their willingless to testify for the Government. For a number of reasons, it was decided that the Government did not need these people as witnesses. While I was in Los Angeles on that trip, three former important Scientologist told me their lives had been threathened and that in one way or another they had been placed in jeopardy by the Church of Scientology. (We have previously given details on this to Mr. Hank Marsh of your office.) All three claim that they had been robbed by Church of Scientology people. One was assulted personally.

A few weeks ago, I received a telephone call from Mr. McMaster who now resides at Laguna Beach, California. He told me, among other things, that his life had been threatened again. We sent you a copy of my memo of that conversation.

For your information, Mr. McMaster is a cherubic looking individual, soft spoken, small of frame and effeminate in his mannerisms and speech. Every time he has spoken to me he has mentioned that the Scientology people have accused him of being a homosexual, and he has averred that they do this in an attempt to destroy his reputation. I suspect that Mr. McMaster is emotionally unstable.

We are now in receipt of Reverend Milner's letter. As you can see, Reverend Milner says bad things about Mr. McMaster: he calls him a homosexual; suggests he is a drug user; suggests that in the past he has been of interest to FBI, Customs, and other regulatory bodies. All or none of these allegations may or may not be so, but they would be of little or no interest to FDA whether true or not. We do believe that the Milner letter tends to confirm Mr. McMaster's statements that the Scientology people are "out to get him". We are not impressed with Reverend Milner's representation that the intent of his letter was to help guide Mr. McMaster into competent professional hands.

We have not answered or acknowledged Reverend Milner's letter and we will not do so. We do not know whether the Milner letter violates any postal statutes, but we are referring it to you for whatever value it may have to your.

Sincerely yours,

cc: LOS-DO

B. T. Loftus
Acting Deputy Director
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